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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. *(Currently Amended)* A computer-implemented method for displaying information relating to one or more analysts' estimates for a selected future event, comprising ~~a step of:~~
displaying simultaneously, on an analyst by analyst basis, for selected analysts[[,]] :
 - i) an indication of historical accuracy for ~~that~~ an analyst based on selected criteria; and
 - ii) the analyst's estimate for a future event.
2. *(cancelled)*
3. *(original)* The method of claim 1 wherein the estimates include at least quarterly or fiscal earnings estimates.
4. *(original)* The method of claim 1 wherein the estimates include at least revenue projections.
5. *(original)* The method of claim 1 wherein the estimates include at least a security's target price.

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6. **(original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the estimates include at least cash flow projections.
7. **(original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the estimates include at least financial predictions.
8. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1 wherein the indication of historical accuracy for ~~that~~ an analyst is for one or more securities, and the analyst's estimate for a future event is for one or more securities.
9. **(original)** The method of claim 8 wherein the one or more securities include a set of securities in an industry.
10. **(original)** The method of claim 8 wherein the one or more securities include a set of securities in a sector.
11. **(original)** The method of claim 8 wherein the one or more securities include a set of securities followed by an analyst.
12. **(original)** The method of claim 8 wherein the one or more securities include a set of securities followed by a brokerage firm with which an analyst is associated.

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13. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 8 wherein the one or more securities include one or more ~~user-selected set~~ user-selected sets of securities.

14. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 13, ~~comprising further comprising steps of~~ saving one or more ~~user-selected~~ user-selected sets of securities and reusing one or more ~~user-selected~~ user-selected sets of securities.

15. (*original*) The method of claim 1 wherein the indication of historical accuracy comprises a performance rating.

16. (*original*) The method of claim 1 wherein the indication of historical accuracy comprises a performance rating based on one or more performance metrics.

17. (*original*) The method of claim 1 wherein the indication of historical accuracy comprises a performance rating based on one or more performance metrics, and the rating comprises a scale of integers from of 1-N.

18. (*original*) The method of claim 17 wherein N=5.

19. (*original*) The method of claim 1 wherein the indication of historical accuracy comprises a relative accuracy score, comparing an analyst's accuracy relative to the accuracy of other analysts.

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20. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1 wherein the indication of historical accuracy comprises an accuracy measurement based on a performance metric aggregated over a ~~user-selected~~ user-selected number of quarters or fiscal periods.

21. (*original*) The method of claim 1 wherein one or more analysts are not identified by name, but an indication of historical performance and a current estimate is provided for the one or more unidentified analysts.

22. (*original*) The method of claim 1 wherein one or more analysts are identified by name and one or more are not, but an indication of historical performance and a current estimate is provided for each selected analyst.

23. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1 wherein, for a ~~user-selected~~ user-selected security, ~~the step of displaying simultaneously~~[[,]] further comprises ~~a step of~~ displaying for analysts that have a current estimate for that security, on an analyst by analyst basis, an indication of historical accuracy for that analyst and the analyst's estimate of a future event for that security.

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24. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1 wherein, for a ~~user-selected~~ user-selected security, ~~the step of~~ displaying simultaneously[[,]] further comprises ~~a step of~~ displaying, only for top analysts that have a current estimate for that security, on an analyst by analyst basis, an indication of historical accuracy for that analyst and the analyst's estimate of future events for that security.

25. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1 wherein, for a ~~user-selected~~ user-selected security, ~~the step of~~ displaying simultaneously[[,]] further comprises ~~a step of~~ displaying, only for analysts that have a predetermined track record of estimates for that security, on an analyst by analyst basis, an indication of historical accuracy for that analyst and the analyst's estimate of a future event for that security.

26. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1 wherein, ~~for a user-selected security, the~~ step of displaying simultaneously[[,]] further comprises ~~a step of~~ displaying, along with the indication of historical accuracy for that analyst and the analyst's estimate of future events for that security, other information relating to that security.

27. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ displaying further comprises ~~a step of~~ simultaneously displaying, on an analyst by analyst basis, for selected analysts, a graphical indication of whether an analyst's current estimate is above or below a consensus estimate.

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28. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ displaying further comprises ~~a step of~~ simultaneously displaying, on an analyst by analyst basis, for selected analysts, a graphical indication of whether an analyst's current estimate is above or below a consensus estimate and the difference between the analyst's estimate and the consensus.

29. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ displaying further comprises ~~a step of~~ simultaneously displaying, on an analyst by analyst basis, for selected analysts, a graphical indication of whether an analyst's current estimate exceeds a consensus estimate by a predetermined amount or is below a consensus estimate by a predetermined amount.

30. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ displaying further comprises ~~a step of~~ simultaneously displaying, on an analyst by analyst basis, for selected analysts, a graphical indication of whether an analyst's current estimate exceeds a consensus estimate by a predetermined amount or is below a consensus estimate by a predetermined amount, wherein the selected analysts are selected from a group of top analysts based on historical performance.

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31. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ displaying further comprises ~~a step of~~ simultaneously displaying, on an analyst by analyst basis, for selected analysts, a graphical indication of whether an analyst's current estimate exceeds a consensus estimate by a predetermined amount or is below a consensus estimate by a predetermined amount and the difference between the analyst's estimate and the consensus, wherein the selected analysts are selected from a group of top analysts based on historical performance.

32. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 31 wherein the group of top analysts comprises one or more top analysts based on ~~the analyst's~~ historical performance for a selected security.

33. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 31 wherein the group of top analysts comprises one or more top analysts based on ~~the analyst's~~ historical performance for a selected sector.

34. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 31 wherein the group of top analysts comprises one or more top analysts based on ~~the analyst's~~ historical performance for a selected industry.

35. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 31 wherein the group of top analysts comprises one or more top analysts based on ~~the an~~ analyst's historical performance for all securities for which the analyst has issued estimates.

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36. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 31 wherein the group of top analysts comprises one or more top analysts based on ~~the~~ an analyst's historical performance for a ~~user~~ selected user-selected group of securities.

37. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ displaying further comprises ~~a step of~~ simultaneously displaying, on an analyst by analyst basis, for selected analysts, an indication of historical accuracy for ~~that~~ an analyst for one or more securities and the ~~analysts~~ analyst's estimate of a future event for the one or more securities, wherein the order in which the analysts appear is based on a rating of the analysts.

38. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-implemented method for displaying information relating to one or more analysts' recommendations for a selected future event, comprising a ~~step of~~:

displaying simultaneously, on an analyst by analyst basis, for selected analysts[[,]] :

i) an indication of historical performance for ~~that~~ an analyst based on selected criteria; and

ii) the analyst's recommendation for a future event.

39. (*cancelled*)

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40. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 38, wherein ~~the step of~~ displaying further comprises ~~a step of~~ simultaneously displaying, on an analyst by analyst basis, for selected analysts, a graphical indication of whether an analyst's current recommendation is above or below a consensus recommendation.

41. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 38, wherein ~~the step of~~ displaying further comprises ~~a step of~~ simultaneously displaying, on an analyst by analyst basis, for selected analysts, a graphical indication of whether an analyst's current recommendation is above or below a consensus recommendation and the difference between the analyst's recommendation and the consensus.

42. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 38, wherein ~~the step of~~ displaying further comprises ~~a step of~~ simultaneously displaying, on an analyst by analyst basis, for selected analysts, a graphical indication of whether an analyst's current recommendation exceeds a consensus recommendation by a predetermined amount or is below a consensus recommendation by a predetermined amount.

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43. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 38, wherein ~~the step of~~ displaying further comprises ~~a step of~~ simultaneously displaying, on an analyst by analyst basis, for selected analysts, a graphical indication of whether an analyst's current recommendation exceeds a consensus recommendation by a predetermined amount or is below a consensus recommendation by a predetermined amount, wherein the selected analysts are selected from a group of top analysts based on historical performance.

44. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 38, wherein ~~the step of~~ displaying further comprises ~~a step of~~ simultaneously displaying, on an analyst by analyst basis, for selected analysts, a graphical indication of whether an analyst's current recommendation exceeds a consensus recommendation by a predetermined amount or is below a consensus recommendation by a predetermined amount and the difference between the analyst's recommendation and the consensus, wherein the selected analysts are selected from a group of top analysts based on historical performance.

45. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 44 wherein the group of top analysts comprises one or more top analysts based on ~~the analyst's~~ historical performance for a selected security.

46. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 44 wherein the group of top analysts comprises one or more top analysts based on ~~the analyst's~~ historical performance for a selected sector.

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47. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 44 wherein the group of top analysts comprises one or more top analysts based on ~~the analyst's~~ historical performance for a selected industry.

48. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 44 wherein the group of top analysts comprises one or more top analysts based on ~~the~~ an analyst's historical performance for all securities for which the analyst has issued recommendations.

49. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 44 wherein the group of top analysts comprises one or more top analysts based on ~~the~~ an analyst's historical performance for a ~~user selected~~ user-selected group of securities.

50. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 38, wherein ~~the step of~~ displaying further comprises ~~a step of~~ simultaneously displaying, on an analyst by analyst basis, for selected analysts, an indication of historical accuracy for that analyst for one or more securities and the analysts recommendation of a future event for the one or more securities, wherein the order in which the analysts appear is based on a rating of the analysts.

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51. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-implemented method for displaying information relating to security analysts' estimates, the method comprising a step of:

displaying simultaneously, on an analyst by analyst basis, for selected analysts:

- i) an indication of historical accuracy for ~~that~~ an analyst for one or more securities;
- ii) current estimate of a future event associated with ~~that~~ the analyst for the one or more securities; and
- iii) model information relating to ~~that~~ the analyst.

52. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 51, wherein the model information comprises exclusion factors, and wherein ~~the step of simultaneously~~ displaying further comprises ~~a step of~~ displaying an indication of whether an analyst's estimate is excluded.

53. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 51, wherein the model information comprises exclusion factors, and wherein ~~the step of~~ displaying further comprises ~~a step of~~ displaying an indication of whether an analyst's estimate is excluded and an indication of the reason for exclusion.

54. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 51, wherein the model information comprises weighting factors, and wherein ~~the step of~~ displaying further comprises ~~a step of~~ displaying an indication of the weight applied to an analyst's current estimate.